

A Letter from the Open Hand Ministries Board of Directors



To Our Friends,

It is with profound sadness that we share that our Executive Director, Wayne Younger, is stepping away from leadership with Open Hand Ministries due to health reasons. Out of respect for Wayne and his family's privacy, we will not be sharing additional details at this time. Wayne's steady presence, vision, and compassion have shaped Open Hand Ministries in immeasurable ways, and we are deeply grateful for his years of service. Please join us in keeping Wayne and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this difficult season.

Even as we walk through this moment together, the mission that Wayne has led with such passion for over five years remains steadfast. Open Hand Ministries will continue all operations as we currently navigate this new chapter. Our dedicated staff, partners, volunteers and the Board of Directors remain fully committed to advancing our goals—strengthening families, expanding equitable home ownership in Pittsburgh, and nurturing thriving, connected communities.

As we move through this transition, we are also facing challenges that come with unexpected change. To ensure that our programs remain strong and that we can continue serving our community without disruption, we are asking our community for support. Financial contributions, along with your continued prayers and encouragement, will help us sustain our work and uphold the mission that Wayne

has poured his heart into. Every gift—large or small—makes a meaningful difference during this time.

While this news brings sorrow, it also deepens our resolve. We remain focused and determined to honor Wayne's legacy by carrying Open Hand Ministries forward. We have started the process of identifying an Interim Executive Director who will provide support for the organization as we work to identify and call the next long-term leader for the organization.

In addition to updates about our ongoing activities, we will continue to share organizational updates. Open Hand Ministries stands firm—committed to our purpose, grounded in our community, and optimistic about what we will continue to build together.

Sincerely,

Heather List, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors